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# Lasting legacy

*Honoring a daughter, bringing comfort to families of newborns*

By Mike Lydick

Turley Publications Correspondent

Nearly every day since his daughter Evan's tragic and untimely death last spring, Todd Bard's mission has been to do something to make her proud.

He succeeded in a big way last week when a young father shook his hand to thank Bard for allowing him to bond with his infant when he can't see the baby in the hospital. A foundation named in honor of Evan – the EvvGirl Foundation – recently purchased six video cameras for the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield.

The cameras – the first of 55 the foundation hopes to purchase for the NICU – are part of a webcam system called NicView (see page 10 for more on the system). Parents and family members can log in remotely – from any Internet-accessible device – to view a live video stream projected by a camera above the baby's crib or incubator.

"Evan loved children. Evan loved families. She's such an inspiration – and every day I just want to wake up and make her proud," said Bard during a presentation a presentation of the EvvGirl Foundation's "Look At Me" NICU program on Jan. 17. The NicView project is one way Bard, along with wife Barbara, son Elijah, and youngest daughter Leisl, is creating a lasting legacy for Evan.

#### Carrying on Evan's love of nursing

The Agawam family formed the EvvGirl Foundation (EvvGirl was Evan's Twitter username) to "generate smiles



**One of the most poignant reminders of Evan Bard's love of children and nursing is a pink stethoscope – a gift from her maternal grandmother – hung from an Evv Girl Foundation poster with photos of her.**

and happiness" by continuing their daughter's love of nursing – especially NICUs, pediatrics, and maternity – as well as for early childhood education and cheerleading. A student at Curry College in Milton, Mass., near Boston, Evan was studying to become a NICU nurse when she died in an auto accident in May 2013.

"Evan would've been so proud to see technology doing what it's supposed to do," said Bard after he and his family visited with Chris and Wendy Mollins in the Davis NICU to see the NicView system in operation. "It was awesome

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**Bridget McDonald – a friend and college classmate of Evan Bard – reads one of the "Look At Me" brochures describing how the NicView system at the Davis NICU works.**

## Agawam native takes on Ironman

*Will compete in Mexico*

By Cathleen Rockwell

Special to the Advertiser

Sometimes a person's dreams in life seem so far away that they may not be reachable. For Kelli Trudel, that only pushed her to become more driven and more determined than ever.

Trudel was born and raised in Agawam and is the oldest of three girls. Both her parents were athletes who encouraged their children to follow in their footsteps. Trudel began her athletic journey very early on when she became involved with gymnastics. Eventually she left gymnastics and went on to play softball and basketball in Agawam for several years. When she entered junior high school she

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**Agawam native Kelli Trudel will participate in the 2014 Ironman competition in Los Cabos, Mexico March 30.**

## Transforming eighth graders into authors

By Mike Lydick

Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Meagan Olson's dream of becoming a published author is about to come true.

Olson and 300 other Agawam Junior High School eighth graders are piloting a first-of-its-kind program from a national company based in Agawam. Its goal is to improve students' writing and reading skills by helping them to become published authors – both in ink and digitally.

Known as the Future Authors Program, it was launched earlier this month when a representative of the Bridgeport National Bindery (BNB) – the company implementing the innovative program – made a presentation to each eighth grade class.

Each student will choose one of five genres or types of books se-

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**Meagan Olson listens to a presentation about a program eighth graders are piloting at Agawam Junior High School that will transform students into published authors.**





NEW ROTARY MEMBER



Turley Publications courtesy photo  
Kenneth Blanchard, pastor of the Agawam Episcopal Church (center), recently became a member of the Agawam Rotary Club. Pictured with him are (left) Gina Letellier, Rotary president-elect, and (right) George Bitzas, Rotary president.

Kadis named Citizenship Award recipient

The Agawam St. Patrick’s Committee has announced that Robert “Bob” Kadis is the 2014 Citizenship Awarded recipient. This award is presented by the committee to a person from Agawam who has given his or her time and talents to the town.

Kadis joined the Agawam Cultural Council and has served as its chairman for over 10 years. With his interest in the arts, he created and has chaired three different open juried shows for the Friends of the Agawam Public Library. The fine art juried show is in its sixth year, the photography juried show is in its fourth year and a new 3D Juried Art Object Show will take place in June.

Continuing his contribution to community efforts, Kadis is also a board member of the Council on Aging and the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center.

All 2014 Agawam St. Patrick’s Committee award recipients will be honored Sunday, Feb. 9 prior to the Agawam Colleen Coronation at Chez Josef in Agawam.



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Robert Kadis

WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we’ll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week’s “Where is it?” will run in next week’s edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at [jwroblewski@turley.com](mailto:jwroblewski@turley.com).



Turley Publications staff photo by Jennifer Wroblewski

It seems only appropriate that we remind residents this time of year that Agawam is a “StormReady Community.” Tell us, do you know where this sign is?



Last week’s photo: Correctly guessing Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street was Jacqueline Prendergast.

Memorabilia sought

The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum is preparing an exhibit on Riverside Park. Anyone that has memorabilia they would like to include in this exhibit is asked to call Anne at 786-3031.

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# Comedy night to benefit dog park

Planning meeting set for Jan. 29

By Sarah Platanitis  
Turley Publications Correspondent

The Agawam Dog Owners Group (ADOG) will host a comedy show Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Polish American Club to raise money for their dog park project.

The all-volunteer group has been steadily working to raise funds and awareness for a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where canines and their owners can socialize in a clean, safe environment.

“It will be a night of great laughs and we will have raffle items like dinner certificates, sporting tickets, bus tickets to Mohegan Sun, golfing foursomes and, of course items, for dog lovers,” said Debbi Sanchez, ADOG president. “We hope the night is a success and to make this an annual event.”

The evening will be hosted by XM Satellite Radio comic Dave Rattigan. New England favorite Bob Seibel, Boston Globe’s “Comic to Watch” Katie Grady and college circuit headliner Jesse Bickford will also perform.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show. Attendees can bring their favorite snacks and drinks will be available from a cash bar.

“Football season has just ended and Valentine’s Day is around the corner so this would be a fun date night or a way to beat the winter blues and enjoy a night of laughter while helping a good cause at the same time,” said Sanchez.

Tickets for the comedy event are \$20 in advance and can be purchased at Southgate Liquors at 842 Suffield St. in Agawam (next to Geissler’s) or online at [www.Agawam-DogPark.com](http://www.Agawam-DogPark.com). Proceeds will benefit the new park.

For reservations of six people or more, contact Debbi at 374-4684 or Cheryl at 374-8336.

Sanchez shared updates on park progress, including news that the Agawam City Council voted during their October meeting

to include the group’s donation of \$10,000 for the proposed five-acre park at Shea Field. The first phase of development, a 2-acre parcel, is funded by a grant from the Stanton Foundation, a private institution that offers grants for dog-related initiatives based out of Cambridge.

A check presentation will take place at the Shea Field site on Monday, Jan. 27, where Sanchez will give a \$10,000 check to Mayor Richard Cohen to contribute toward construction costs for the park.

She noted that the group has also met with an attorney to begin the process to become a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and that paperwork should be completed by the end of the month.

“In speaking with Chris Sparks, director of Agawam Parks and Recreation, we know that Peter Wells of Berkshire Design Group will be completing the final architectural design. Some site work might have already begun, but the town is awaiting its first installment of grant monies,” said Sanchez.

The Town of Agawam will host a planning meeting to gather public input for the Agawam Dog Park at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Agawam Senior Center.

Representatives from The Berkshire Design Group will be on hand to present and gather ideas for the construction of the new dog park. Any questions about this meeting can be directed to the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at 821-0513.

The Agawam Dog Owners Group meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. Upcoming meetings are Feb. 19 and March 19. All are welcome to attend.

“We are hoping for a very exciting 2014,” said Sanchez. “It will really be a dream come true to have the park open later this summer. I am happy to see the commitment of so many and proud to be part of the process.”

For the latest information on ADOG events, visit [AgawamDogPark.com](http://AgawamDogPark.com) or fan “Agawam Dog Park” on Facebook.

# Boldyga announces re-election bid

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Decreasing the jobless rate and continuing to bring home more local aid to cities and towns are among the top priorities for state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, who announced earlier this month that he is formally seeking a third term as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the Third Hampden District.

Boldyga said he believes his new district office at Cooper’s Commons on Main Street in Agawam will allow him to provide more services to local constituents.

“It’s in a very convenient place right off Route 57 that people from the district can access,” said Boldyga. “Having a district office has been a goal of mine since I took office.”

His other accomplishments in this past term have included working with his Democratic colleagues to bring more local aid funding to cities and towns, especially in education.

“We have worked together to increase Chapter 70 school funding to cities and towns,” said Boldyga. “The more local aid our cities and towns receive, the less we will see our local property taxes increase. I will continue to fight to bring more of our tax dollars back to the district.”

Another major accomplishment was his amendment to the casino bill. Boldyga fought to secure jobs for Massachusetts residents when the casinos are built.

His work is still not done, and he plans to fight to decrease the unemployment rate and get welfare reform for residents. Both, he hopes, will produce residents who want to enter the workforce.

“We desperately need welfare reform,” said Boldyga. “We need better screening to

help people on welfare who may have problems or addictions. If we can help those people with their problems, they will get healthy and be able to return to work.”

Boldyga said the unemployment rate in Massachusetts is slightly higher than the national average despite some job creation during the past year. He says the Legislature should work to make it easier for people to start businesses.

“We need to start waiving some of the smaller fees that people have to pay to start businesses to make it easier for them so they can start hire employees and get people back to work,” said Boldyga. “We need to help these businesses create jobs.”

Boldyga was elected in 2010, unseating Agawam resident Rosemary Sandlin. He won re-election in 2012. He welcomes any opponents that decide to run this year.

“I have had an opponent every election,” said Boldyga. “I am used to it.”

Boldyga said he is motivated by his growing family. In 2013, Boldyga’s wife, Jessica, gave birth to a baby girl, their second child. Both Boldygas are working and have their expenses related to having two children and a home. He says the experience makes him understand what it takes to raise a family.

“It makes me want to work harder to help make life more affordable to for the people in my district,” said Boldyga.

Boldyga added that he is looking forward to knocking on doors in the spring and working to earn votes for another term in office. He prides himself on being accessible to voters through his new district office and says he takes calls from constituents on the weekends.

No other candidates have officially declared an intention to run for seat. Anyone wishing to reach Boldyga can call him at (413) 455-3007.



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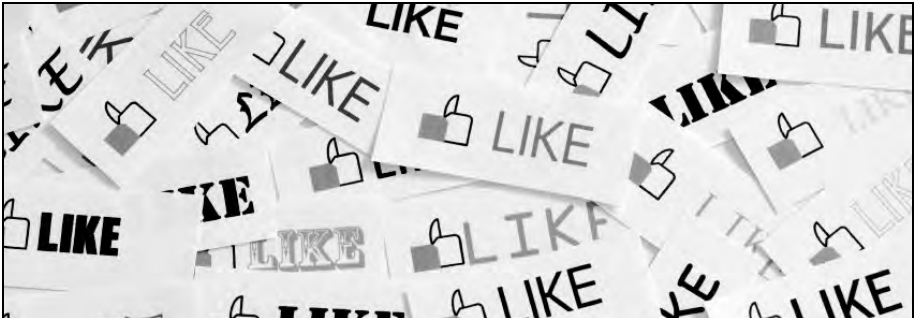
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Residents are entitled to one bin free per calendar year. Additional bins will cost \$5 each. Bins are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the DPW Municipal Annex, located at 1000 Suffield St.



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The Agawam Rotary is a service organization which assists with local, national and international projects. For more information on Agawam Rotary, or for information on how to become a Rotarian, visit

[www.agawamrotary.org](http://www.agawamrotary.org). As Rotarians, they sponsor local scholarships and charities and raise money for local, national, and international service projects, including the worldwide elimination of polio and providing clean drinking water.

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# Opinion

## Out of tragedy, a triumph

We couldn't be more in awe of the Bard family of Agawam.

Following a motor vehicle accident that claimed the life of 20-year-old Evan Bard in May 2013, her family created the EvvGirl Foundation in her honor, and last week – just eight months after tragedy descended on their own family – the Bards are bringing hope to others.

On Friday, Jan. 17, the Bards – including Evan's parents, Todd and Barbara, and siblings, Leisl and Elijah – provided six NicView cameras to the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Baystate Children's Hospital for families with patients in the NICU (See story, page 1).

Evan – a nursing student at Curry College at the time of her death – loved children and wanted to be a NICU nurse, according to her family. She wanted to be the one to help the families of the hospital's tiniest patients. Although Evan isn't here to see her dream realized, her family is working in her memory to help bring some semblance of that comfort to others.

During the last eight months, we've had ample opportunity to meet with the Bards to discuss the EvvGirl Foundation and its upcoming projects, but we were still surprised to hear that this particular donation would be happening so quickly. It speaks to the love and dedication of Evan's family and friends – and indeed, the community at large that has supported them over the last few months – to have realized this goal in under a year.

Thanks to the NicView cameras, families will be able to access streaming videos of the NICU patients. Using a username and password, they can sign into NicView from any Internet-enabled device – including smartphones and tablets – to view the baby, all at no charge.

They hope to build on their current donation and raise enough money to outfit every NICU and PICU in New England with a camera.

Given the tragedy the Bards suffered last year, we are amazed at all they've been able to accomplish in Evan's memory so far, and we feel thankful to have been able to document their achievements so far. We hope that our readers will join us in offering a collective and heartfelt thank you to the Bards for turning their immeasurable grief into something positive for others and showing us that we, too, can overcome grief to make the world a better place.



## MLK, JFK and CTK

On Jan. 20, we observed Martin Luther King (MLK) day. That got me thinking.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, many churches, including mine, observe Christ the King (CTK) Sunday. We remember Jesus, who was sarcastically mocked as "King" before being put to death on the cross. As he hung on that cross between two common criminals on either side of him, he was heard to say (Luke 23:34): "Father forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

It is only this power of forgiving love that changes lives and alters history. No matter how unjustly or cruelly someone else has treated us, no matter the brokenness that occurs in the world around us, we need to remember the example of Christ the King on the cross in the face of death. We need to live our lives with awareness that no matter what happens, we have the living hope of God's forgiving love and the promise of his future kingdom. In democracies like ours, it's hard to totally embrace the idea of "king." Yet

even in our country's short history we have some notion of kings.

JFK. Even those of us too young to remember him have probably heard a lot about him – especially recently when we observed the 50th anniversary of his assassination. He had it all – great wealth, immeasurable power, good looks, charisma and a gift for lofty speeches that inspired a generation. In our country, so generally opposed to the notion of kings, the Kennedy family was like American royalty. Around the world, JFK was in many ways looked to as our king. Our nation pinned its hopes on the promises of Camelot. Then came Dallas. "Father forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

Five years later it happened to another king – this time a man named King. Martin Luther King Jr. was looked to as a leader, a visionary, a prophet. MLK was a clergyman, activist, humanitarian, and civil rights leader. He received a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to combat racial injustice through nonviolence. Then

came Memphis. This King also came to a bloody end. "Father forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

Those are just a couple of American examples of men who were revered in many ways – almost as a literal king – but who did not deliver the hoped-for vision because they were brought down by murder. The truth is, we will never attain God's kingdom by purely human effort. Human beings just don't have the answers. But if you think about it, we even rejected Christ the King also. JFK, MLK, CTK. All cut down in the prime of life. "Father forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

Some people might think it's crazy to believe in an invisible God with an invisible kingdom that turns the values of this world upside down. To the world, obeying Christ as King and living lives of service and humility looks crazy, yet that is precisely our calling: to live as the King lived and to do as the King commands. We are to live in humble, obedient love for others. Our king, and our kingdom, is not of this world. We need to live into the grace that Jesus allowed when he prayed "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." We need to live our lives knowing that no matter what happens, we have the living hope of God's forgiving love and the promise of his future kingdom.

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# YMCA announces new board leadership



Sarah Williams



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Lydia Martinez

SPRINGFIELD - The YMCA of Greater Springfield has announced the addition of a new member to its corporate board of directors, in addition to naming a new chairperson. Joining the Y board is Springfield Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Lydia Martinez of Springfield. The board will be led by Sarah Williams, of Springfield. Williams is the vice president of Enterprise Risk Management at the Hartford Insurance. She joined the YMCA of Greater Springfield Board in 2011. “As a life-long resident of Western Mass, the YMCA has always played an important role in my life,” said Williams. “As a child, the YMCA’s after-school and summer camp programs kept me engaged outside of the classroom. As a mother, I brought my children to the YMCA to learn how to swim and play sports. After receiving so much from the Y, I am thrilled to be able to give back through my new role as the Chair of the Board of Directors. I am excited about the future of the YMCA of Greater Springfield and our plans to continue to increase our impact within the community.” “I couldn’t be more proud to serve as president and CEO of such a great organization,” said Kirk Smith, president and CEO, YMCA of Greater Springfield. “With Sarah as board chair and chief volunteer officer, and the addition of Lydia, the best board has become even better.”

# Easter Seals seeks committee members for fundraiser

SPRINGFIELD – Easter Seals is looking for volunteers to serve on the organizing committee for the April 30 “Walk With Me” fundraiser in Springfield. Proceeds from the event support Easter Seals services for children and adults with disabilities. The committee will meet monthly, starting in January, and members are asked to commit to five to 10 hours a month. Their duties will include securing donations, recruiting teams, arranging fun activities on race day and raising community awareness about Easter Seals. For more information, call Kelli Barry at (508) 751-6305 or email kbarry@EasterSealsMa.org.

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# Senate passes Election Reform Bill

BOSTON – The Senate voted 37-1 last week to pass legislation reforming the election laws in the Commonwealth by authorizing early voting for state and federal elections and primaries, allowing residents to register to vote on Election Day and creating an online voter registration system. The bill also allows 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Under this bill, Massachusetts would join 32 other states and the District of Columbia that allow early voting. Early voting would begin 10 business days before the election and end two days before the election. The first early voting period would occur in 2016. This bill would also place voters on the inactive list only after not voting in two consecutive federal elections and not responding to a notice from the city or town. Under current law, a voter can be placed on the inactive list for not filling out an annual census. If a voter does not vote in two additional federal elections, the voter will be removed from the voter list. In addition to building an online voter registration system, the Secretary of State would create a secure online portal to allow voters to easily check their voter registration status and polling place. The bill also allows a voter whose political designation does not list a candidate to receive a ballot for the political party of the voter’s choosing. The legal definition of “politi-

cal designation” does not include the republican and democrat political parties. The bill also does the following: Eliminates the requirement of a check-out desk at polling places; requires municipal election officials to attend annual training given by the Secretary of State regarding applicable state and federal election laws; eliminates the requirement for a cancellation device on voting machines; clarifies that the police detail requirement at polling locations may not apply to early voting sites; and, establishes an elections task force to review early voting and expanding technology, including costs, administrative requirements, reductions in wait times on Election Day, the feasibility of additional early voting sites and hours, voter turnout, Election Day mobile alerts and online voting. The Legislature moved an amendment filed by President Therese Murray to the Massachusetts Constitution to third reading in October that would also allow for early voting in the Commonwealth. Any constitutional amendment proposed by the Legislature must be passed by two successive Legislatures and also requires approval by voters in Massachusetts before it can take effect. The Senate bill and the House bill will now go to a conference committee to produce a compromise bill for final passage and consideration of the governor.

# Auditions scheduled for upcoming production

SPRINGFIELD - The Unitarian Universalist Society of Greater Springfield will host a community theater production of the classic musical, Oliver!, May 9, 10, 11 and May 16, 17, 18. Performances on May 9, 10, 16 will be held at 7:30 p.m. The May 11, 17, 18 performances will be held at 2 p.m., all at the congregation, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield. The production, the third musical hosted annually by the society, will be led by director and choreographer, Kathleen Delaney, a Broadway veteran, and accomplished music director, Elisabeth Weber. Auditions, which are open to the public, will be held Jan. 26 and 27. There are parts for actors, singers, and dancers, for children ages 6 and up, and for adults of all ages. On Jan. 26, auditions will be held for children at 2 p.m. and for adults at 4 p.m. Auditions on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. are open to all ages. Come prepared to sing about 32 bars of a musical, theater-style piece of their choosing (please bring the sheet music for accompanist.) Those auditioning may also be asked to learn a short dance routine (come dressed to move) or to read an excerpt or part from the script. Possible callbacks may be held on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Darcie Farber at (413) 736-2324 or darcie@uuspringfield.org.

Letters to the Editor must include a name, address, and daytime telephone number for author verification purposes. We do not publish anonymous letters. All letters are subject to editing for content and space. The deadline is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Please send letters to Agawam Advertiser News, Letters to the Editor, Attn: Teri Machia, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or e-mail aan@turley.com.

# Regular School Committee meeting agenda

Robertta G. Doering School  
68 Main St.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28 – 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
5. Citizen’s Speak Time
6. Highlights on Education:
  - a. AHS Career Center Presentation – L. Sheehan
7. Superintendent’s Notes
8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
9. Unfinished business:
  - a. SCR-14-01, Approval of AJHS Trip to Washington, DC from April 21 - 24, 2014
  - b. SCR-14-02, Acceptance of \$1,628.00 Donation from the McNeil Charitable Foundation to Purchase I-Pads for AJHS Math Classes
10. Business meeting:
  - a. Routine matters
    - 1) Approval of Minutes
    - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
  - b. Warrants/Transfers
  - c. Reports:
    - 1). Scheduled reports:
      - Personnel Update (paper report)
      - \* Financial Update – R. Clickstein
    - 2). Subcommittee updates
  11. New business:
    - a. SCR-14-03, Approval of 2014 -2015 AHS Program of Studies
    - b. SCR-14-04, Adoption of 2014 – 2015 School Calendar
  12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
  13. Adjournment

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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 64 EMS calls and eight fire and emergency response calls for the week of Jan. 14 to Jan. 20.

- On Jan. 15 at 8:09 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for a good intent call.
- On Jan. 15 at 12:50 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for a lockout.
- On Jan. 15 at 9:48 p.m., the department responded to Alfred Circle for a good intent call.
- On Jan. 17 at 3:25 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.
- On Jan. 19 at 10:39 a.m., the department responded to Maple Avenue for a cooking fire, confined to container.
- On Jan. 19 at 2:58 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for public service.
- On Jan. 19 at 3:07 p.m., the department responded to Logan Place for gas leak – natural gas or LPG.
- On Jan. 19 at 3:15 p.m., the department responded to School Street for unauthorized burning.

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 263 calls from Jan. 14 to Jan. 20. The department made seven arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

- Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
Ryan Wheeler, 23, of 39 Lakeview Circle, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended; failure to stop/yield; unregistered motor vehicle; and no inspection sticker.  
Juan Castro, 40, of 47 Russell St., West Springfield, was arrested on charges of unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and failure to stop/yield.

- Thursday, Jan. 16**  
Ryan Longtin, 33, of 21 Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; assault and battery; malicious destruction of property over \$250; disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; and assault.

- Friday, Jan. 17**  
Vladimir PE Kindzerskiy, 36, of 25 Seymour Ave., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.  
Ferdinand Fountain, 45, of 724 Main St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of sex offender fail to register.
- Saturday, Jan. 18**  
Victor Rafael Figueroa, 30, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 25, Agawam, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute Class B drug (subsequent offense); possession of Class C drug; and possession of Class E drug.

- Monday, Jan. 20**  
Michael A. St. John, 22, of 92 Fordham Ave., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

# Seniors

## Agawam Senior Center

### Weekly calendar of events

- Monday, Jan. 27: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Painting Club, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo, Educational Seminar (Garden Room); 4 p.m., Tap Class.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., Computer Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 3 p.m., COA Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Winter Festival Bingo (full).
- Thursday, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.
- Friday, Jan. 31: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage.

### Lunch menu

- Monday, Jan. 27: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, bananas.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28: Fried chicken, macaroni salad, coleslaw, ice cream.
- Wednesday, Jan 29: Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, California blend vegetables, mixed fruit.
- Thursday, Jan. 30: Lasagna and meatballs, Caesar salad, diced pears.
- Friday, Jan. 31: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, baked good.

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# Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

As I watched the Rose Parade, it brought back to mind the Macy’s Parade on Thanksgiving, which featured the great University of Massachusetts band this year. In past years when McDonald’s sponsored a band which included two students from each state, we were fortunate enough to twice have an Agawam band member be selected for this group, which also went to the Rose Bowl Parade later in the year.

I tried to get our full band to the Macy Parade, but we were not of the size at that time to be considered. I had a crazy thought about asking my son, with his Rockville High Band, to go with us as



a combined “father and son band” but I did not pursue that fleeting thought. Actually, though, our Agawam kids did pretty well going to other festivals, including the “Music Man” in Mason City, Iowa, the North American in Philadelphia, the Blossom Festival in Niagara Falls, the Azelia Festival in Virginia and the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. Travel with a large group is pretty expensive, but we thought the experience would be an inspiring one and went on to many less expensive events over the years.

## Hearing Test Set for Senior Citizens

Announcement- Free electronic hearing tests will be given from Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm at Avada Hearing Care Centers at 9 locations in Western Mass. Call to find the location nearest to you. The test has been arranged for anyone who suspects they are not hearing clearly. People who usually say they can hear but have trouble with understanding words are encouraged to come in for the tests. The testing includes newly-developed tests that determine your ability to hear speech in noisy environments. Everyone, especially those over 55 who have trouble hearing words clearly, should have a test annually. Demonstrations of the latest devices to improve clarity of speech will be available, on the spot, after the tests. You can HEAR for yourself if the latest methods of correction will help you understand words better.

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55. Small coins (French)  
56. Twine together  
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Answers on page 5



# In the Classroom

## AHS students take part in Model Congress



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**Agawam High School participants in the recent Model congress in AIC included Thomas Howard, Casandra Land, Robert Johnston, Kristen Odell, Elizabeth Depalo, Teresa Graziano, Alexander Peterson, Jordan Reed and faculty advisor Keith Ireland.**

SPRINGFIELD - Agawam High School students were among the more than 200 high school students attending the 74th annual Model Congress at American International College, Jan. 9-11. The student legislators came from schools throughout Massachusetts, as well as Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York.

The three-day event, the longest running event of its kind in the country, is designed to give high school students the opportunity to engage in the legislative process firsthand and stimulate an interest in the process of government. Model Congress participants write, amend, debate and vote on a variety of bills during the three-day competition, many of which closely resemble bills currently before the U.S. Congress.

AIC faculty and staff members judged

the participants on their debating skills and knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Bills that passed in committee were taken up in House and Senate sessions on Saturday, Jan. 11. The awards banquet was held Saturday evening.

Legislation filed by the Agawam delegations included the President of the United States Act to mandate at least one full term of military service by all presidential and vice presidential candidates; and the Financial Regulation for Affordable Tuition Act (F.R.A.T.) to limit the amount of money a public college or university may charge a student in hopes of encouraging higher education.

AIC student Marguerite Pratt, a junior physical therapy major from Southwick, served as general chair of the 74th Model Congress, which is organized and run entirely by AIC students.

## AHS Counseling Bulletin

**College Acceptances:**  
Kathrine Paltz: Castleton State College, Franklin Pierce University, Fitchburg State College; Timothy Matroni: University of New Hampshire; Meaghan Casey: Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, Keene State College; Christopher Reagan: George Mason University; Erica Gallerani: Westfield State University; Victoria Walker: Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; Rachel Burton: Worcester State University; Brandon Lopez: Springfield Technical Community College; Hannah McCluskey: University of Maine; Mary Reidy: Endicott College; Dan Schott: University of Utah; Mariah Smith: Stonehill College.

**Open Houses/Informational Sessions:**  
Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the college website for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event.

Emmanuel College: Jan. 25; Regis College: Jan. 25; Fitchburg State University: Jan. 25; Salem State University: Jan. 26; Framingham State University: Jan. 25; Skidmore College: Jan. 26, 27; Mt. St. Mary's College: Jan. 26. Springfield National College Fair: Sunday, March 30, 1-4 p.m. at The Big E. Register [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com). View a list of participating institutions by clicking on the college fair link on the same website. Check the list often for updates.

University of Chicago: Will host an information session Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Conard High School in West Hartford, Conn. Register at (773) 702-8650.

**Financial Aid:** American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications. Call (877) 332-4348 or visit [www.asa.org/plan](http://www.asa.org/plan) for assistance.

Seniors: Colleges/universities (4 year) are looking for your term 2 grades. Give Mrs. Ledger, counseling secretary, a regular-sized envelope with your name in the left hand corner, 1 stamp in the right hand corner and the address of each school you applied to for the end of this month. She will provide them with an updated transcript once grades are all set.

**SAT Prep Course:** Princeton Review will host a SAT prep course for juniors at AHS beginning Jan. 29. Registration is required through [Princetonreview.com](http://Princetonreview.com) or 1-800-2Review ext. 1065. Princeton Review has mailed postcards home.

**FAFSA Day (College Goal Sunday):** A volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on either Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. at American International College or Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at Holyoke Community College. Parents should bring their FAFSA Pin ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)), social security number, driver's license number, most recent federal tax return, most recent W-2 or year-end pay stub, untaxed income records, bank statement(s), business and investment records and alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen). For more information, visit [www.fafsaday.org](http://www.fafsaday.org).

## Campus Notes...

**American International College:** Agawam residents Kevin Chevalier, William Cotrone, Elizabeth Klimczak, and Kevin Truong; and Feeding Hills residents Sunny Kim, Connor Liebel and Michael Uzar were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Southern New Hampshire University:** Edward Grimaldi and Kristina Karrasch, of Agawam, and Alexander Paleologopoulos, of Feeding Hills, were named to the president's list for the fall semester.

**University of Massachusetts Lowell:** Michele Lemieux, of Feeding Hills, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

**Western New England University:** The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Mark K. Walker, Jugal Marfatia, Jessica L. Perusse, Daniella A.

Bessarabova, Joeanna M. Glantz, Lauryn A. Winiarski, Maura A. Curran, James A. Rondinelli and Katherine D. Matos, of Agawam; and Phillip Boglisch, Cedrick A. Giberson, Brian F. Moriarty, Sabrina B. Serra, Megan M. Alaimo, Christopher N. Goralczyk, and Rachel K. Robie, of Feeding Hills.

The following students were named to the president's list for the fall semester: Adam P. Brown, Alyssa C. McNair, Christina L. Raus, Anthony J. Gallerani, Brandon J. Opitz, Steven M. Jefferson, Hee Sun Kim, and Frank C. Grimaldi, of Agawam; and Lindsey A. Westlund, Amy M. Grindle, Michael G. Masciadrelli, Jeffrey R. Rovatti, Caitlin Heer, and Adrianna M. Martinez, of Feeding Hills.

## Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL**  
The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

**AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
Monday, Jan. 27: Chicken with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28: Baked French toast sticks with syrup, baked potato rounds, sausage links, applesauce, juice cup.  
Wednesday, Jan. 29: Roasted turkey with gravy over mashed potatoes, dinner roll, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit, orange juice bar.  
Thursday, Jan. 30: Pizza of the day, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.  
Friday, Jan. 31: Chicken patty on a roll with condiments, baked chips, three-bean salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

**ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL**  
Monday, Jan. 27: Chicken with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28: Baked French toast sticks with syrup, baked potato rounds, sausage links, applesauce, juice cup.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Roasted turkey with gravy over mashed potatoes, dinner roll, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit, orange juice bar.  
Thursday, Jan. 30: Pizza of the day, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.  
Friday, Jan. 31: Chicken patty on a roll with condiments, baked chips, three-bean salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

**AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
Monday, Jan. 27: Chicken with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28: Baked French toast sticks with syrup, baked potato rounds, sausage links, applesauce, juice cup.  
Wednesday, Jan. 29: Roasted turkey with gravy over mashed potatoes, dinner roll, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit, orange juice bar.  
Thursday, Jan. 30: Pizza of the day, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.  
Friday, Jan. 31: Chicken patty on a roll with condiments, baked chips, three-bean salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

## Parent Information Night for upcoming kindergarteners

The Agawam Public Schools will host a Parent Information Night Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St. Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September are invited to attend.

The program is offered to answer

questions parents might have about their child entering school in September. Children who will be 5 years old prior to Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten.

For more information, contact Christine Costello at the Early Childhood Center at 821-0597.

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# Families

## Greene completes basic training



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**Airman 1st Class Garrett G. Greene**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Garrett G. Greene graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Greene is the son of Tricia and Scott Greene, of Feeding Hills. He is a 2013 graduate of Agawam High School.

## ‘eReaders and Libraries’ returns to Agawam Library

Cynthia Laino, of C/W MARS, will visit the Agawam Public Library Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. to present “eReaders and Libraries.”

Highlights of this event include browsing the digital books website, OverDrive products and compatible eReaders, downloading the proper software and transferring items to an eReader, and a question and answer time. Participants are welcome to bring their devices.

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## ‘Parent Child Date Nights’ back by popular demand

The Agawam Family & Community Program, in collaboration with Behavioral Health Network, will host “Parent Child Date Night.” Experience a night out with one of your children ages 3-10 years old to enjoy some quality interaction while participating in fun activities.

The schedule of dates and activities is as follows: Jan. 30 – 6-7:30 p.m., Human Body, ages 6-10; Feb. 6 – 6-7:30 p.m., Ocean Animals, ages 6-10; Feb. 27 – 6-7 p.m., Space, ages 3-5.

All events will take place in the Children’s Activity Room at the Agawam Public Library. Registration is required for each program at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) or by calling the Children’s Department at 789-1550 ext. 3.

Parents are asked to only come with one child at a time. Each event is limited to a maximum number of 20 parent-child groups.

## Roulston completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Samantha E. Roulston, daughter of Elizabeth M. Roulston of Agawam, and granddaughter of Dave W. and Jane V. Roulston, of Ludlow, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Roulston completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is “Battle Stations.” This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. “Battle Stations” is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly “Navy” flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Roulston is a 2013 graduate of Agawam High School.

## JAMIE MATTSON TO WED CHAD LEMMENS



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**Jamie Mattson, of Feeding Hills, and Chad Lemmens, of Rothschild, Wis., have announced their engagement. The bride-to-be, the daughter of Tom Schmidt and Linda Vandermyn-Schmidt, is employed at UnitedHealth Group – OptumRx. The future groom, also employed at United Health Group – OptumRRx, is the son and Wayne Lemmens and the late Marlene Lemmens. An Aug. 9, 2014 wedding is planned in Southwick.**

# ICC news, upcoming events

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. (ICC) will host a tortellini-making class Saturday, March 8, from 1–3 p.m. An instructor, supplies and space will be provided for adults and children. Those in attendance are asked to bring an apron and will take home what they make.

Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Stephanie at (860) 305-1175 or email to [CookingwICC@comcast.net](mailto:CookingwICC@comcast.net) to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by Feb. 28, to guarantee a seat.

Mail name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$20 for ICC members, \$15 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$25 per adult non-member, and \$20 for children of non-members 12 years and younger. to Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Tortellini-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

The ICC will offer Italian language classes for adults this spring. A Beginner I level class will be offered Monday nights and will run from March 10 through May 19 (no class April 21). A Beginner II level class will be offered Tuesday nights and will run from March 11 through May 20 (no class April 22) and an Intermediate level class will be offered Thursday nights from March 13 through May 22 (no class April 24).

All classes are from 6-8 p.m. and are held at the ICC.

Tuition is \$120 for ICC members and \$130 for non-members. The course book is available for \$20. Deadline for registration is Feb. 28. Registrations received after that date will be charged a \$25 late registration fee.

Registration forms are available at [www.iccwmm.org](http://www.iccwmm.org). For more information, call (860) 305-1175 or email [italianat-icc@comcast.net](mailto:italianat-icc@comcast.net).

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## Bringing comfort to families of newborns

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that a family has a camera to watch their baby so they can monitor him when they leave the NICU,” added Bard.

Mollins’ son Caleb was born prematurely on Dec. 17 – the day the six cameras were installed in the Davis NICU. “I remember talking to the technician as he installed the camera cables,” recalled Mollins, who lives in South Hadley.

“It’s incredible what the Bards did in her memory,” added Wendy Mollins. “It means even more after hearing Evan’s story. It’s just amazing to be able to log in and see our baby at any time.” She said the system also lets other family members across the country – and her mother who lives in China – log in to see Caleb.

### ‘Perfect’ way to honor Evan

“This day has been very emotional, but also very gratifying,” said Barbara Bard. “Evan would be so thrilled to be a part of all of this. NicView is the perfect way to honor her – it’s exactly what she would have wanted.”

She added that visiting with the Mollins was a “very heartwarming” experience. “As a mother, I felt a connection to Wendy. I’m sure the camera gives her some inner peace – she knows she can keep an eye on her baby at all times.”

Leisl Bard, a student at Babson College, would often visit her older sister at Curry College, which is just 10 minutes away. She said it’s fulfilling to be able to turn something bad into something to smile about.

Elijah Bard, a junior at Agawam High School, said his sister would be smiling at seeing all the babies in the Davis NICU. “This is where she wanted to be. This is what she wanted to do.”

Added Leisl: “This day is a tribute to Evan. The cameras are something she probably would have started on her own. But to see a family so thankful for being able to watch their baby – and knowing it was because of Evan – is pretty amazing.”

### Memories of Evan

Evan’s presence was everywhere during the presentation, from her smiling face on the cover of the EvvGirl Foundation’s “Look At Me” brochures explaining NicView to pink bracelets worn in her memory to a large poster with her photos and the name of the foundation. But perhaps the most poignant memory of Evan was the pink stethoscope that hung from a corner of the poster.

The stethoscope – engraved with her name – was a gift to Evan from her maternal grandmother, Dottie Plante. The retired registered nurse and Feeding Hills resident was one of Evan’s inspirations for wanting to become a nurse. “Evan was born to be a nurse – she was bandaging people when she was 2-years old,” said Plante.

Bridget McDonald, a college classmate, had known Evan for several years before they reconnected on their first day of college. The Longmeadow resident attended the presentation to help honor her friend.

“Evan would be ecstatic to know that her dream of helping as many children as possible in an NICU was coming true,” said McDonald, who also is planning a nursing career. “Evan had a special place in her heart for children and babies – especially if they were weak or sick. Evan’s no longer with us, but with these cameras she’s still helping children and bringing comfort to their families.”

“Evan loved children. Evan loved families. She’s such an inspiration – and every day I just want to wake up and make her proud.”

Todd Bard, Evan’s father



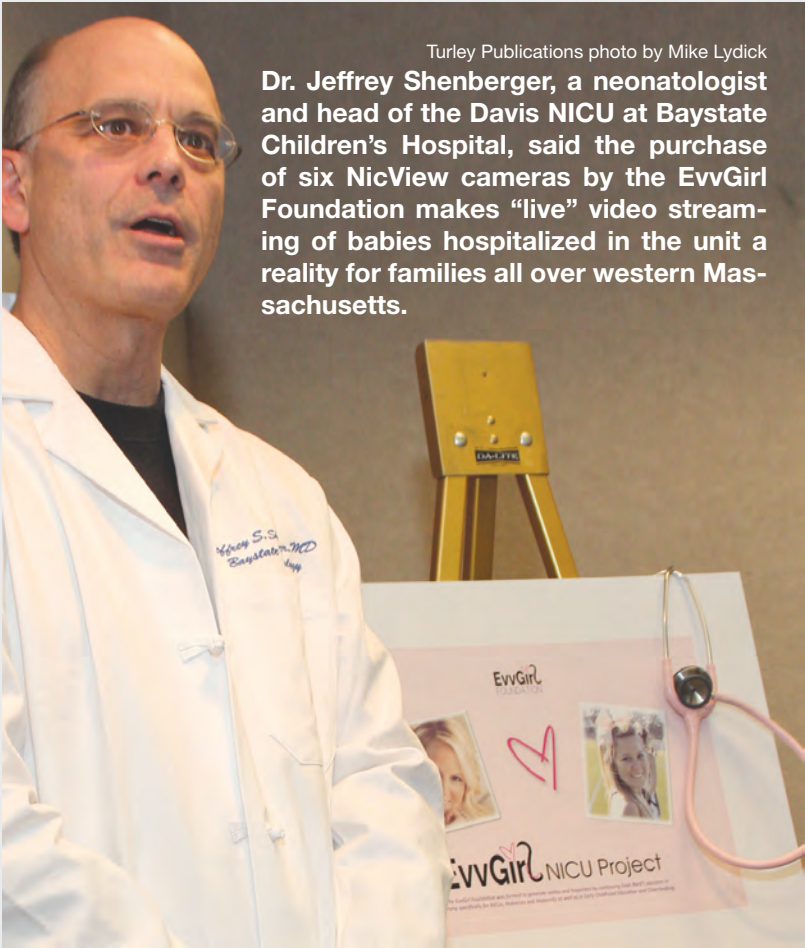
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Dr. Jeffrey Shenberger, a neonatologist and head of the Davis NICU at Baystate Children’s Hospital, poses for photos with the Bard family (from left) Todd, Barbara, Elijah, and Leisl. Shenberger holds a NicView video camera – one of six the EvvGirl Foundation purchased for the Davis NICU.



Elijah and Leisl Bard and their grandmother, Dottie Plante, look at the image of a newborn infant being streamed to a computer monitor from a webcam mounted over the baby’s incubator that is in the background.

# Evan’s ‘watching over’ babies



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Dr. Jeffrey Shenberger, a neonatologist and head of the Davis NICU at Baystate Children’s Hospital, said the purchase of six NicView cameras by the EvvGirl Foundation makes “live” video streaming of babies hospitalized in the unit a reality for families all over western Massachusetts.

By Mike Lydick

Turley Publications Correspondent

Todd Bard’s vision to install video cameras in the Davis Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Baystate Children’s Hospital came over a cup of coffee.

During a meeting in Hartford, Conn. last summer with a close friend who knew of his daughter, Evan Bard’s love for nursing and NICUs, Bard learned about video cameras installed at the NICU at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

After Bard saw the camera system – called NicView – he talked with his family and doctors at UMass about it. He envisioned bringing NicView to the hospital where Evan was born almost 22 years ago. In December, Bard’s vision became a reality when the first six of 55 planned NicView cameras were installed.

During a presentation of the EvvGirl Foundation’s “Look At Me” NICU program at Baystate Children’s Hospital in Springfield on Jan. 17, the Bard family said the foundation raised \$40,000 through donations and fundraising efforts. Those funds were used to purchase the cameras at the Davis NICU as well as the five cameras to complete the NicView project at the UMass NICU.

A relatively new technology, NicView – a computer with webcam capabilities – provides “live” video streaming (without sound) of babies in the NICU from a camera positioned above the baby’s crib or incubator. Families can view their babies at any time through a secure connection from a home computer or smartphone – anywhere in the world.

Developed with high security and privacy in mind, each NICU family is provided with a username and a password for their infant. Parents are the only ones who can activate the webcam. All streamed images are encrypted. The system does not store any parent information, such as email addresses, and the video is not recorded.

Each camera costs approximately \$2,500, including a three- to four-year software licensing agreement. The family plans to raise an additional \$80,000 to \$100,000 in matching donations to pay for the other 49 cameras at the Davis NICU. “For each camera a company or person purchases, their name and/or logo will be on the live video feed so all viewers will see that name or logo for the life of the camera,” said Bard.

The total cost to complete the Davis NICU project will be approximately \$135,000, he added. Bard said 800 to 1,000 cameras are necessary to outfit all the NICUs and pediatric ICUs in New England – a goal he said the foundation is anxious to complete.

“We want to rapidly raise that money as soon as we possibly can,” he added. Organizations such as local Rotary Clubs are working with the foundation ([www.evvgirl.org](http://www.evvgirl.org)) to raise the money.

The Davis NicView system currently operates only two to three hours a day, but “families absolutely love it,” said Dr. Rachana Singh, an attending neonatologist in the NICU. She added that it soon will be active 24 hours a day.

“This is truly a wonderful and unique project the Bard family has helped us institute here in western Massachusetts. They have allowed families to interact with their babies, their grandchildren, and their nieces and nephews,” said Dr. Jeffrey Shenberger a neonatologist and head of the Davis NICU.

“The Bard family made this project a reality for families – whether they’re in Springfield, other parts of Massachusetts, or other areas of the country – to visit with their babies at various times throughout the day,” he said. Shenberger added that during January there were 534 log-ons from eight states – including Alaska – and as far away as China.

Ben Craft, director of Public Affairs and Community Relations at Baystate, said NicView makes the experience of being a NICU parent easier.

“Many newborn stays in the NICU can last for weeks or more,” he said. “The camera allows parents to attend to other important parts of their lives while at the same time keeping a loving eye on their baby.”

According to the EvvGirl Foundation’s brochure about the NicView program, families can develop a bond with their infant when the baby must remain hospitalized due to illness or premature birth after the mother’s discharge. The brochure also states that NicView can bring “great comfort” to parents who find a NICU admission a stressful event.

Jane Albert, executive director of Baystate Health Foundation – the charitable arm of Baystate Health – praised the Bards for establishing the EvvGirl Foundation in Evan’s memory to help others. “Evan’s here – she’s kind of watching over the babies – and that’s just an amazing feeling.”





# SPORTS

## Desrosiers leads charge past Ludlow

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team is back on track after going through a tough stretch of games.

Last Tuesday night, the Brownies were able to build a big lead, and hold it late in the game as they took out Ludlow 62-49 in Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium.

Tyler Desrosiers was limited for a few games by good defenses in Agawam losses, but was also back on track as he led all scorers with 30 points. Desrosiers found many different ways to score, whether it was driving to the hoop on his own, getting a jumper from just about anywhere, or scoring the trey from outside the arc.

He started out his scoring with a trey to help Agawam get a 5-0 lead early in the game. A bit later, he and T.J. Lockwood would score on consecutive possessions to make it 9-2 Agawam.

The Brownies would keep Ludlow at arm’s length, going ahead

15-7 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second, Ludlow made their only big threat in the game. Coming up with seven straight points to start the quarter. They made up the gap and trailed 15-14 before Lockwood would sink a couple of free throws to make it 17-14.

Ludlow would take the lead shortly after on a couple of treys, and went ahead 21-19. Agawam was able to retake the lead 22-21 with 1:24 remaining in the second quarter, and Lockwood’s layup with 48 seconds left gave the Brownies a three-point lead 24-21 going into halftime.

Longmeadow’s Brian Pacheco would nail a 3-pointer a short time into the third quarter to give Ludlow the lead back 27-26. Desrosiers came back with a short jumper to make it 28-27. Ludlow would take the lead back one more time 31-30, before Lockwood hit a layup to make it 32-31.

The Lions would not lead again for the rest of the game. Desrosiers came up with a huge trey to make it 35-31, then stole the ball and hit

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Tyler Desrosiers drives the hoop against Ludlow.

Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Liebel reaches 100-win milestone

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – For Brennen Liebel, success in wrestling has been a family concept. Following up on his brother, Connor’s success, Brennen has cemented his own legacy.

Last Wednesday night in what could be called the “main event” match of the evening, Liebel pinned Northampton’s Cody Hanlon in less than 2:00 to capture his 100th win of his high school career.

In his match, it took just a take-down before Liebel was able to turn Hanlon over. It took a little bit to secure Hanlon’s shoulders

to the mat, but the pin was counted with 14 seconds remaining in the first period and the crowd at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium erupted into a frenzy as they watched one of Agawam’s most talented competitors get mobbed by his teammates.

The match was the final one of the evening, and Liebel said it was worth the wait.

“I have been wrestling for 15 years now,” he said. “I have watched my brother get his 100th win and I was determined to do the same thing.”

Liebel began his high school career wrestling at 103 pounds. In that year, he was able to place sixth at Western Mass. at that weight class. A year later, he was

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Brennen Liebel goes for the pin on Northampton’s Cody Hanlon to secure his 100th career win last Wednesday night at Agawam High School.

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## Lancers end Brownies unbeaten push

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – In just a few minutes, Agawam saw its undefeated regular season go to the wayside as Longmeadow was able to score two second half goals and then go on to take a bigger lead as Agawam lost for the first time this season 4-1 in ice hockey action.

The Brownies would go on to defeat Wayland 2-1 on Saturday and lost to Marblehead 4-0 on Monday.

Against Longmeadow, the Brownies were looking to score a victory over the Lancers for the first time in two years. Agawam tied the Lancers 1-1 a week earlier

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Erik Kierkla tries to gain control of the puck behind the goal.

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## Brownies pull off near clean sweep

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam won all but one match and the Brownies captured a 60-15 victory over visiting Northampton last Wednesday night at home.

One of the most exciting matches came in the heavyweight match with Nick Hope scoring a pinfall victory over Northampton’s Nick Day.

Day scored a takedown early in the match and went right after the pinfall. Hope was able to keep a shoulder up, but trailed 5-0. Day then got Hope’s shoulder down a second time, getting another near-fall to go up 8-0.

Hope got his choice of position in the second period and would go

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Nick Hope wrestles in the heavyweight match. He came from behind to score a pin in his match.

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# ALL to hold spring signups Jan. 25

AGAWAM - Agawam Little League registration for spring 2014 will be held on Saturday Jan. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

Registration fees for the 2014 season will be: T-ball (4 years old) \$50; Instructional (5-6 years old) \$70; Minors (7-9 years old), AAA (9-12 years old) and Majors (10-12 years old) \$90; Seniors (13-16 years old) \$110.

For families with more than one child playing the first child is full price, second child is half price and any additional children will be \$20.

The Objective of Agawam Little League is to install the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, physical well-being, discipline and respect for authority. We are in need of individuals in all capacities. We encourage all to attend this registration to learn more about the organization and ways that you may be able to assist.

Please go to [www.agawamlittleleague.com](http://www.agawamlittleleague.com) for more information.

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a layup. He was fouled on the play and hit the free throw to make it 38-31, making the lead more comfortable for the Brownies.

Agawam would lead 44-39 to end the third quarter. They would extend the lead further as the fourth quarter went on. Ludlow tried briefly to send Agawam to the free throw line near the end of the game, but Desrosiers nailed all seven of his free throw chances in the second half to put the game out of reach for Ludlow.

Agawam got 10 points from Lockwood in the victory and five points each from Talon Brown and Cam Cabana. Ludlow was led by Kevin Simonds with 21 points.

Agawam plays Friday at Longmeadow at 7 p.m.

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Nick Destefano brings the ball downcourt.



Joe Moccio tries to keep the ball away from a Ludlow guard.

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and lost an independent game against the Lancers last year. The teams are now league rivals.

The Brownies were able to score a goal with 3:00 remaining in the first period. At the time, the Brownies were dominating possession and had a 16-4 advantage in shots at the end of the period.

Seamus Curran received a pass from behind the goal from Alex Abilantis. Curran then lifted off a wrist shot that went through four players and into the goal to make it 1-0 Agawam.

But the Brownies were not able to hold the lead or the possession advantage as Longmeadow started getting aggressive in the second period. They would score on a power play 11:58 remaining in the second. A wrist shot came from the outside resulting in the tying goal.

They would go ahead about four minutes later when Longmeadow scored on a rebound to take the lead 2-1.

The Brownies were able to hold the Lancers the rest of the period, and even got an opportunity to tie the score with a couple of power plays, but failed to score the tying goal. The game did get very physical at times, with a couple of matching penalties assessed to members of both teams for nearly starting fights.

Longmeadow was able to tack on two more goals in the third to send the game home.

The Lancers' resurgent was so good, they only allowed Agawam to make a combined 15 shots in the second and third periods after getting 16 in the first. Chris Walles lost for the first time this season. He made 23 saves.

On Saturday in Marlborough at the New England Sports Center, the Brownies got goals from Billy Wysocki and Cam Rivest in the second period as they defeated Wayland 2-1. Walles made 28 saves.

Marblehead shutout Agawam on Monday in a noon matinee. Walles made 49 saves.

The Brownies are 7-2-2 and will play next Thursday against Minnechaug at 6:30 p.m.

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Cam Rivest fights for the puck during a faceoff.

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shifted to 106 pounds when the weight classes were revised. At that position, he was a champion in his weight class in Division 1.

Last year, he made the jump to 113 pounds to fill a whole in the Agawam lineup, and thrived in that position. He captured second place and went to the state tournament at 113 pound last year, and this year, is opening to avenge a loss in the championship and win an individual title this year.

Liebel becomes just the third Agawam grappler to reach 100 wins in the school's history. His brother Connor, and 2007 graduate and three-time sectional champion Chris Alvanos were the only other wrestlers to reach the 100-win plateau for Agawam.

Coach Armondo Ramos said Liebel is one of the most talented grapplers he has coached, and said his commitment to winning and getting better is what led him to 100 wins this season.

"If you are going to reach 100 wins, you can't just have one good year," said Ramos. "He has been successful since he was a freshman. He even took a chance and jumped up a weight class. That can be very difficult for some kids," said Ramos.

Ramos said Liebel has the chance to become even better before he is finished wrestling at Agawam.

"He's a tough wrestler and he's hungry," said Ramos. "And he is even more focused this year."

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# Business

## Ryan Joins Park Square Realty

AGAWAM – Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty, announced that Melissa Ryan has joined Park Square Realty’s Feeding Hills office as a sales associate. She has extensive experience assisting homeowners with short sales and has also worked with investors as a realtor and project manager for renovation projects and assists them in marketing the homes once complete.

Ryan was raised in Westfield and attended Westfield High School and Springfield Technical Community College with classes in early childhood education.

She and her family have been residents of West Springfield for the past 13 years.

Park Square Realty is a locally owned residential real estate company with offices in Westfield and Feeding Hills and can be seen online at parksquare-realty.com.



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**Melissa Ryan**

## Sound Seal announces sale

AGAWAM – United Process, Inc., operating under the trade name Sound Seal, a leading designer and fabricator of acoustical and noise control solutions for industrial and architectural applications, announced recently that it has sold the business to management and an investor group led by Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners.

Sound Seal will remain an independent company with continued ownership by the retiring founders. The new company will be named Sound Seal, Inc. and all employees will continue their unmatched commitment to quality, performance and responsiveness.

Sound Seal is a leading manufacturer of commercial and architectural acoustic noise control products and offers a wide product selection to the sound proofing industry.

The architectural and flooring divisions provide solutions for interiors and the in-

dustrial division provides solutions for community noise, construction noise and implant noise abatement. Sound Seal brands include Industrial, Impacta, Woodtrends and Sound Quality.

“We find that Sound Seal’s culture, products, financial performance and focus on delivering world-class solutions is a very powerful combination,” said Chris Lund, partner at Hamilton Robinson. “We are thrilled to support Sound Seal’s management team in their purchase of the company and to partner with Joe Lupone as he leads the company as CEO in its next phase of growth and development.

Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners was founded in 1984 to invest directly in small, privately held manufacturing, distribution and service businesses.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cheryl A. Fasano** of Enfield CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **William Zerbinopoulos, Jr.** of Lincolnwood, IL, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**William Zerbinopoulos, Jr.** of Lincolnwood, IL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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## DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Abbey, Alberta Died Jan. 16, 2014 Funeral Jan. 21, 2014 Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home	Tatro, Gisele L. Died Jan. 17, 2014 Funeral Jan. 21, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home
Fusick, Alba E. Died Jan. 19, 2014 Funeral Jan. 23, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home	Taylor, Donald H. Died Jan. 5, 2014 Services private Angel Valley Funeral Home Tucson, Ariz.
Hubbell, Stella J. Died Jan. 18, 2014 Funeral Jan. 25, 2014 Burgess & Tedesco Funeral Home Sherburne, N.Y.	Twarog, Karen M. Died Jan. 15, 2014 Funeral Jan. 26, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home
Peterson, Marsha Died Jan. 15, 2014 Funeral Jan. 18, 2014 Firtion-Adams Funeral Home Westfield	



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## Free medical clinic at Bethany

AGAWAM - A New Covenant Free Clinic is being co-sponsored by New Covenant Community Services and Bethany Assembly of God on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 6-8 p.m. The clinic will provide non-emergent care for people age 18 and over.

"The mission is to provide Christ-centered medical care in the Pioneer Valley community by serving the body, mind and spirit with compassionate care," said Dr. Kevin Snow, clinic physician. Although people are required to have insurance in Massachusetts, in the current economic condition some people cannot afford the co-payments to see their primary care physician for immediate non-emergency medical issues. The free clinic is

intended to help these individuals receive the medical care they so desperately need.

The staff of licensed medical care workers is volunteering their time and skills, and no revenue will be collected for the services provided. The entire team is committed to providing quality care on all levels. A visit to the clinic will include a demographic check in, medical assessment, behavioral health assessment (if needed), and spiritual encouragement. The free clinic operates once a month at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam. All medical records will be kept in strict confidence.

For more information, call the clinic at (413) 363-0098.

### African Children's Choir to perform

The African Children's Choir will perform in Agawam at the Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals and Gospel favorites. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

Music for Life (MFL), the parent organization for The African Children's Choir, works in seven African countries such as, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. MFL has educated over 52,000 children and impacted the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs during its history. The purpose of MFL is to help create new leadership for tomorrow's Africa, by focusing on education.

## Adult Education at First Congregational UCC

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Following a popular fall series of conversations about the book, "Messy Spirituality," First Church Pastor-Teacher Jan Powers is offering four meetings centering on the book, "Lest Innocent Blood be Shed." Written by Philip P. Hallie, it tells the story of a small Protestant town in southern France that peacefully organized to save thousands of Jewish children and adults from certain death during World War II.

Conversations will allow participants to "go deeper" into issues of Christian faith and justice. The book is available at local book-sellers or may be picked up (for purchase or loan) in the church office. The first gathering will be Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:15 a.m. The fol-

lowing meetings will be on Feb. 23, March 9 and March 23 at 11:15 a.m.

The focus of worship on Jan. 26 will be the pursuit of peace. Peace Sundays are celebrated three times each year at First Church, a United Church of Christ congregation. Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has weaved God's message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace.

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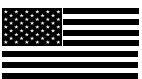
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### Stella J. Hubbell

Stella June (Curns) Hubbell, died peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Kindred Care/Country Estates of Agawam. She was 98-1/4 years to the day. She was born Oct. 18, 1915 in Sinnemahoning, Penn., the eldest daughter of James R. and Pearl Cole Curns. On July 5, 1936, Stella married Bernard T. "Barney" Hubbell in Canton, Penn., a loving union of 52 years until he predeceased her Feb. 14, 1988. Most of her life was spent in and around Smyrna, N.Y. She had been a beautician with her own shop in the 1940's-'50's. She had also worked for several area companies, including the Gladding Corp. in Otselic, NY; T.A.C.O. and the Gaines Dog Food Co., both of Sherburne, N.Y.; and retired from the Norwich Pharmaceutical Co., Norwich, N.Y. in 1983. Stella was a loving wife, mother and grandmother whose family was most important to her throughout her life. She truly enjoyed crocheting, and her family called her the "crochet machine" because she would make a bed size afghan in a week. She was also an avid reader, made the best soft cookies and the creamiest fudge. She loved a good card or dice game, had a fondness for elephant collectables, and finding any colored or cut glass, a hobby she enjoyed with her niece, Gail Seymour. She would travel anywhere when the opportunity arose. She was a founding and charter member of the Smyrna Firemen's Auxiliary. Stella is survived by her children, Caroline and Dick Bassett of Agawam; Charles "Chuck" and Margaret Hubbell of Clinton, N.Y.; grandchildren, Tom (Beverly) Bassett of Northampton; Brad (Kim) Bassett, Schenectady, N.Y.; Kim White and Doug of Rome, N.Y.; Bruce Hubbell of Clinton, N.Y.; Chris (Connie) Hubbell of Oneida, N.Y.; great-grandchildren, Emily (Nathan) Richi; Carly, Danielle and Tyler Bassett; Becky Mushtare, Lindsey White, Kaitlyn and Alex Hubbell; a sister, Mary Moryl of Sherburne; sister-in-law, Polly Curns of Smyrna; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by an infant son, Clifford James Hubbell in 1944; a grandson, Tim Bassett in 1991; great-grandchild, Dee Jay Bassett in 2007; two brothers, Dale and Benny Curns; and a sister, Rosie Brown. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 from the Burgess & Tedesco Funeral Home, 10 S. Main St., Sherburne, N.Y. Interment in the Willcox Cemetery, Smyrna, will be in the spring at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Smyrna Firemen's Auxiliary, Smyrna, NY 13464; the Willcox Cemetery Assoc., 18 School St., Sherburne, NY 13460; or to a charity of your choice. Stella's family would like to thank the entire staff of East One at Country Estates for their loving and compassionate care of her in the past eight years. It was greatly appreciated. To send a condolence and sign the Book of Memories online go to [www.burgessandtedescofuneralhomes.com](http://www.burgessandtedescofuneralhomes.com).

### Donald H. Taylor

Donald Herbert Taylor, 84, a native of Feeding Hills, died Jan. 5, 2014 in Tucson, Ariz. He was born in Springfield to Herbert George and Helen Grace (Guyett) Taylor. He retired to Florida from the Agawam Fire Department in 1985 after 27 years of service. He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. Before graduating



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from Agawam High School he met his future wife while roller-skating and swimming at Babb's on Lake Congamond in West Suffield, Conn. He was an active member of Future Farmers of America while in school. He enjoyed fishing in New England lakes and in Florida intra-costal waterways. He built and flew many radio-controlled airplanes in Massachusetts and Florida and was a member and past treasurer of the Airmasters R/C Club in Sebastian, Fla. He restored antique engines and could repair anything with an internal-combustion motor. He had a unique sense of humor that he never lost even during his final illness. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean Beverly Welt, son James (Cindy) of Agawam, daughter Susan of Tucson, Ariz., son William of Springfield; grandchildren Melanie Doneyhue of Rio Linda, Calif., Valerie Lehtinen (Michael) of Everett, Wash., Matthew Taylor of Portsmouth, N.H., Victoria Taylor of Windsor Locks, Conn.; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Deborah in 1979. Services were private in Tucson.

### Karen M. Twarog

Karen Marie Twarog, 43, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, with Debra and Donna, before and after, by her side, after a courageous battle with End Stage Renal Failure and complications to her heart. Born in Springfield, Karen was the daughter of the late Theodore and Anna May (Jorgensen) Twarog. She lived in Feeding Hills and later moved to Cape Cod to become a Nanny for the Ream Family in Yarmouthport, then working at Heatherwood, Cape Cod Breast Care, and finally with Cape Cod Alarm Company where she was beloved by all. Karen was a member of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks Color Guard, becoming the first person to march in the rifle line as a sophomore and later become a captain in her junior and senior year and was also a member of the Zenith Color Guard. Karen graduated from Agawam High School in 1988 and later attended Kirpalu School for Massage and Bodywork. The greatest joy of Karen's life was giving birth to her two beautiful daughters, Kira and Kayla, ages 7 and 6, with Montgomery Kelly, their father. Karen will be sadly missed but will live on through the spirit of her children. Karen Marie is survived by her daughters and their father, Montgomery Kelly of West Yarmouth; her sister, Debra Twarog and her aunt, Donna DeChristopher both of Centerville; and loved by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to thank Karen's team of doctors for their compassion and extraordinary efforts, Cape Cod Hospital's Medical staff in the CVICU, Emergency Center, and the Mugar Fifth Floor staff also for all of their superior care and support, and the staff of the Fresenius Dialysis Medical Center in Yarmouthport, and the Centerville Fire and Rescue Staff. The funeral will be Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main St. Calling hours will precede the service from 2-5 p.m. In addition, there will be a remembrance service to be held on Cape Cod at Mayflower Beach in May this year, to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a scholarship fund for her daughters, Kira and Kayla Twarog Kelly has been set up at Cape Cod Five Savings Bank, 171 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601, Attn.: Susan Bustin, Assistant Branch Manager.



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**Friday, Jan. 24**

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin’ Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO WARM UP this winter with summer foods at the St. John’s Annual Winter Picnic, to be held from 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. Tickets, which will be sold at the door, are \$6 for adults, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, and free for ages 5 and younger.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Peg Berthold, focusing on “Shaping America in Bronze: French and Remington.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

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**Thursday, Jan. 30**

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THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver, meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email [jbrownacc@verizon.net](mailto:jbrownacc@verizon.net).

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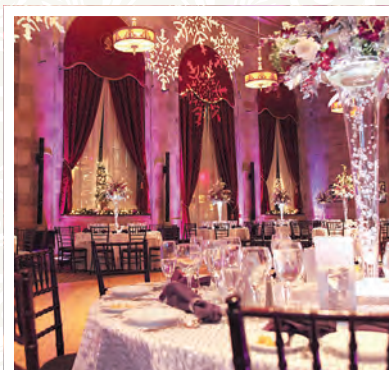
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